



# SUPPORTING SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS TO ACHIEVE

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*Advanced Opportunities: Program Updates*



# Welcome!



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# Advanced Opportunities

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- Program Rational & Intent
- Successes from 2014-2015
- Web-based Portal Training Opportunities
- Ideas for Proactive Implementation



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## What does the research say...

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*“...we found a positive relationship between dual credit participation, and both the first year persistence rate and the college graduation rate.”*

*Source: A Study of Dual Credit Access and Effectiveness in the  
State of Texas, Texas A&M University*



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# The Big Idea

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*Advanced Opportunity programs support the State Board of Education's goal that 60 percent of Idahoans between the ages of 25 and 34 attain a postsecondary degree or credential.*



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Students may...

- ✓ Begin an accelerated track as early as 7<sup>th</sup> grade
- ✓ Earn college credit in high school
- ✓ Take credit-bearing/professional-technical exams
- ✓ Receive state scholarships for graduating early

Thereby increasing college-going rates in Idaho.



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# Districts with Go-On rates >60%

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- Shoshone.....62%
- IDEA.....63%
- Kamiah.....68%
- Gooding.....60%
- Lapwai .....62%
- Liberty Charter.....75%
- Homedale.....61%
- Mountain View.....66%
- Challis.....83%
- Glenns Ferry..... 65%
- Artec Charter..... 70%
- Idaho Arts Charter.....65%
- Coeur d'Alene Charter...83%
- Meridian Technical.....79%
- Meridian Medical Arts....92%
- Mackay .....67%
- Mullan .....100%
- South Lemhi.....70%
- Xavier.....89%

- Victory Charter.....62%
- Butte.....60%
- Kendrick.....62%
- Fruitland.....62%
- Boise.....61%
- Moscow.....62%
- Parma.....71%
- Murtaugh..... 71%
- Troy.....67%
- Cottonwood.....75%
- Genessee.....80%
- Another Choice Virtual ...100%
- Bruneau-Grand View.....76%
- Camas County.....78%
- Cambridge.....60%
- Garden Valley.....68%
- Highland.....69%
- North Valley Academy.....67%
- Potlatch .....60%





# Celebration of Success

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*In 2014-2015 school year, Advanced Opportunity programs supported roughly **12,500** students and helped pay for more than **54,000** dual credits, funneling almost **\$3.4 million** to support students accelerating through their education.*

- Students are taking more dual credits than ever before
- For FY 2015-2016, JFAC increased the estimate for Advanced Opportunities from \$640,000 to \$6,000,000
- SDE has increased flexibility to meet the needs of the field



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## Overview of Advanced Opportunity Programs





# 8 IN 6 PROGRAM

*Students in grades 7 - 12 can be reimbursed for middle and high school overload courses. Students would then have opportunities to become Early Completers or qualify for the Mastery Advancement Program scholarship in high school.*



Students may be reimbursed for up to:

- \$225 per course
- 2 courses per semester
- 4 courses per year
- 8 course per student

Overload courses must be in addition to the student's full course load.



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## Legislative Changes

*Students in grades 7 - 12 can be reimbursed for middle and high school overload courses. Students would then have opportunities to become Early Completers or qualify for the Mastery Advancement Program scholarship in high school.*

10% participation cap per grade level is removed

50% online requirement is removed

For grades 7-12, a full course load is defined as a minimum of 12 credits or the local minimum (whichever is greater)

Districts are empowered to make local policy regarding 8 in 6 implementation





*All juniors and seniors attending public high school in Idaho are eligible for state aid to pay for dual credit courses and college credit-bearing/professional technical exams.*



Students may be reimbursed for up to:

- 3 dual credits for juniors or the financial equivalent of \$195 for exams
- 6 dual credits for seniors or the financial equivalent of \$390 for exams



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## Legislative Changes

*All juniors and seniors attending public high school in Idaho are eligible for state aid to pay for dual credit courses and college bearing/professional technical exams.*

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Amounts changed from previous \$200/\$400 limits

75% / 25% cost split removed

SDE is now authorized to pay public post-secondary institutions directly

Tribal schools are eligible to participate





# EARLY COMPLETERS PROGRAM

*Students who have completed state graduation requirements\* early, may use state aid to pay for dual credit courses and college-bearing/professional technical exams while still in high school*



Students may be reimbursed for up to:

- 18 dual credits per semester or 12 dual credits per trimester
- \$75 per credit
- 6 exams per semester or 4 exams per trimester
- \$90 per exam

*\* Eligibility requirement excludes senior project and math in the final year*



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# MASTERY ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM

*Students, who graduate from high school at least one year early, are eligible for a scholarship equal to 35% of their Average Daily Attendance allocation to an Idaho, public, post-secondary institution of their choice.*

This equates to roughly \$1,400  
for every year early that the  
student graduates.

Participating MAP schools also  
receive funds on behalf of the  
student



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# Lesson Learned

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- Communication between stakeholders is imperative
- Understanding legislative language is critical to success
- Data collection can be problematic
- District planning greatly increases clarity for students and parents



*In response to the challenges and obstacles faced by many school districts in program implementation.*

*New legislation and improvements will affect the 2015-2016 school year.*



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# Registration Process

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*Registration processes can be tricky and cumbersome. It is the obligation of school districts to assist parents/students to navigate through processes related to Advanced Opportunities.*

1. Students register with course provider (IDLA, BSU, NIC, ISU, etc...)
2. Apply for state aid through SDE portal
3. Students fill out a **Certificate of Residency Form\*** (if applicable)



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Trainings begin August 17th!



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## New Program For All Idaho Students

Beginning fall 2014, high school students attending public schools across Idaho have access to new funding to help cover the costs of taking college-level courses or professional-technical certification exams while still in high school.

[Advanced Opportunities Informational Session](#)

**8 in 6 Program**

**Fast Forward Program**

**Early Completers Program**

**Mastery Advancement Program**



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# Training Dates

	Date	Location
Region 1	Friday, August 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2015 1:00pm-3:00pm	<i>Lake City High School</i> 6101 N. Ramsey Road Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815
Region 2	Thursday, August 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2015 3:00pm-5:00pm	<i>Lewis &amp; Clark State College</i> 500 8 <sup>th</sup> Ave Lewiston, ID 83501
Region 3 (McCall)	Thursday, August 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2015 1:30pm - 3:30pm	<i>McCall-Dannelly High School</i> 401 N. Mission McCall, ID 83638 <i>Annex 501 IEN West</i>
Region 3 (Kuna)	Friday, August 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2015 10:00am - 12:00pm	<i>Kuna High School</i> 637 Deer Flat Rd. Kuna, ID 83634
Region 3 (Kuna)	Monday, August 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2015 10:00 am - 12:00pm	<i>Kuna School District Office</i> 711 E. Porter St. Kuna, ID 83634
Region 4	Monday, August 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2015 1:00pm – 3:00pm	<i>Twin Falls High School</i> 300 N. College Road Twin Falls, Idaho 83301
Region 5	Tuesday, August 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2015 8:30am - 10:30am	<i>Century High School</i> 7801 W. Diamondback Drive 2325 Pocatello, ID 83204 <i>Auditorium</i>
Region 6	Wednesday, August 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2015 8:30am - 10:30am	<i>Idaho Fall School District Office</i> 690 John Adams Pkwy Idaho Falls, ID 83401 <i>Board Room</i>



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State Department  
of Education

Counties

Colleges  
Universities  
IDLA

# How can you take a proactive approach?

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*Implementation and recording keeping for Advanced Opportunities will look significantly different for FY 2015-2016. Begin asking questions early to ensure smooth implementation in the new school year*

- Will students have direct access?
- How will you implement the registration process in your district?
- Who will be assigned to oversee registrations in your district?



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# Intentional Advising

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"I want to show my colleges I'm well-rounded, so I wrote a poem in Spanish about how chess club has made me a better quarterback."



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# District Level Implementation Recommendations

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## Advanced Opportunities Team

4 year learning plans and recommended pathways

Record keeping

Registration processes/timelines

Communication with SDE

Promotion of teachers becoming dual-credit certified



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# Supports Available

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Program support at SDE

District technology director

IT support at SDE

Dual-Credit coordinators

Transition coordinators

IDLA site coordinators



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*Students who attend a community college outside of their taxation district must fill out a **Certificate of Residency** form and send it to the county clerk.*

**Community Colleges:**

North Idaho College

College of Western Idaho

College of Southern Idaho

**Exempt Counties:**

Ada

Canyon

Twin Falls

Jerome

Kootenai



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## Education

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2011-  
2015

High School Diploma

I have taken classes that helped me get an early start in medicine.

- Sports Medicine 1
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Orientation to Fire and Police
- Fire 1
- EMT-B



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# Thank you for supporting our students!



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